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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (M&RF)
THE UNDER SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Policies Governing Assignment of Military Personnel to the
Central Intelligence Agency

It is desired that the following policies regarding military personnel assigned to the Central Intelligence Agency be put into effect at the earliest possible date and in any event not later than 1 November 1952.

Tour of Duty

Three years will be considered a normal tour of duty for military personnel assigned to Central Intelligence Agency, except in the case of Marine Corps naval aviators where a normal tour will be of two years duration. Departure from a normal tour, in individual cases, will be limited to circumstances arising from career schooling, assignment of senior officers selected for key combat positions in the combat zone, retention of highly specialized individuals whose re-assignment adversely affects a critical operation and termination of the obligated military service of non-regular personnel. All such departures from policy should be resolved with the service concerned, based upon the merits of each case.

Release of Officers to Attend Professional Schools

Assignment to the Central Intelligence Agency should not prevent nominees from attending the six senior service schools (The National War College, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Armed Forces Staff College, and the Army, Navy and Air War Colleges) without regard to "normal tour" considerations. Release of officers to attend other service schools will be governed by factors, such as eligibility to attend subsequent classes and the effect, careerwise, of postponing training. In general, efficiency and economy will best be served by postponing such schooling until the individual has completed at least one half of the normal three year tour of duty with the Central Intelligence Agency. Officers who desire and are accepted for specialized college training programs should be released from assignment as in the case of senior service schools.

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Eligibility for Overseas Service

The Central Intelligence Agency will normally conform to the overseas rotation policies of the services both as to the length of a tour in an area and by recognizing individual eligibility in making departmental and field assignments to assure equitable distribution of foreign service. Requisitions for personnel to fill overseas requirements will indicate that eligibility for foreign service is desired. Exceptions to this policy will be resolved with the parent service concerned.

Disciplinary Problems

Disciplinary problems will be handled on an individual basis with the service concerned.

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